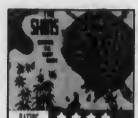


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CGPS Goes Green With New Facility

By **KATIE MORGAN**
Staff Writer

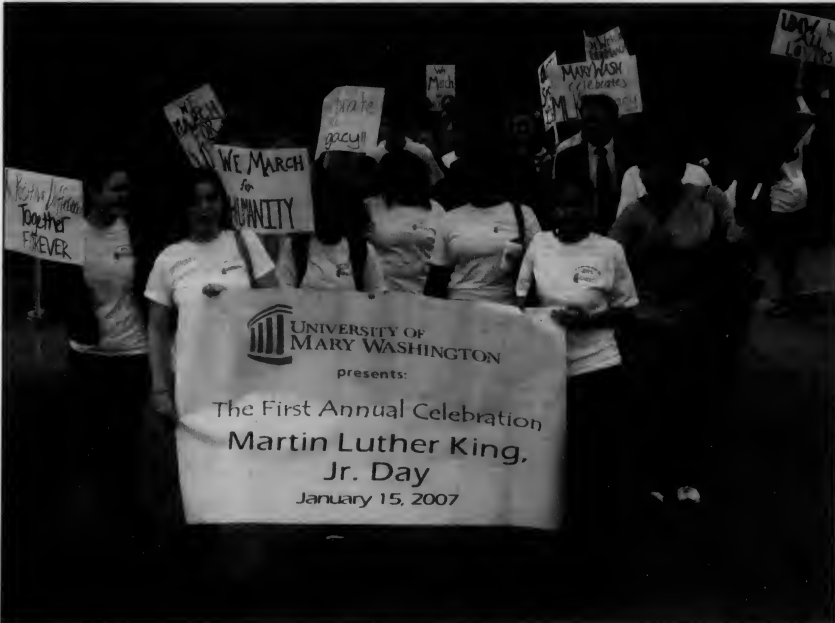
The University of Mary Washington is going eco-friendly with its newest addition, a 42,612-square-foot building located at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies in Stafford County. The \$14.6 million academic building, built with environmentally sensitive materials, is currently awaiting the official "green" certification. CGPS's second building, located

three miles north of I-95, has been in the works since the University acquired the 48 acres of land in 1989. It finally became a reality when UMW was awarded the funding from the state. "The college wanted to build a green building," said Meta Braymer, the vice president for graduate strategic initiatives. CGPS offers evening and weekend classes to working adults pursuing degrees and certifications on a part-time

basis. The new building, which opened to students on Jan. 15, boasts 12 classrooms, three computer labs, faculty offices, and a public facility that is available for conferences, meetings and other functions. These extra classrooms and labs provide the school with the extra space needed for the school's growing population. Student enrollment has increased from 695 to 754 students in the past year. All weeknight classes are fully booked this semester.

The growth of the graduate school is reflected in the attendance at the information sessions held at the campus, where prospective students come to learn about the programs and degrees offered. The last session had an attendance of 162 people. The school hopes to accommodate the needs of current students, while also expanding its base of prospective students. This extra building allows UMW to offer different academic and degree programs to the students.

UMW's master plan is to eventually build two additional buildings on the property, according to Braymer. This allows room for the growth of the school. Faculty members such as Associate Education Professor Norah Hooper appreciate the extra space that the addition provides, including individual faculty offices. "[There are] wonderful faculty offices," Hooper said. "We now have the" **See CGPS, page 2**



Courtesy of Alexandra Borys

Members of the University community, led by seniors Tempa Klinegores and Stefanie Parker, commemorated Martin Luther King Jr. Day Jan. 15. The march, which included University and Fredericksburg community members, was just one event organized entirely by students who felt the day has been under-represented on campus in years past.

Commuters Clash With City Officials

By **WILL COPPS**
Entertainment Editor

The City of Fredericksburg's new Rental Housing Inspection Program is targeting the living conditions in the homes of college students in Fredericksburg. As 39 percent of students live off-campus, according to US News and World Report, this under-the-radar decision will undoubtedly affect a large portion of students at the University of Mary Washington. Senior Mike DiMetro is one of those people. He is no stranger to tensions that have existed among the government, city residents and college students. This past summer, he was introduced to them by the scene waiting for him in front of his new house in downtown Fredericksburg. "I got back home from work and there were about 30-50 cigarette butts just dumped on our front steps," he said. It wasn't the last time, either. There have since been incidents with beer bottles and other objects. True or not, he and his housemates immediately assumed that it was done by the city residents in protest of the old occupants of the house throwing cigarette butts on their lawns. The different groups have been at odds for years regarding housing regulations in the area. Some residents appear to dislike the students, and students usually feel that the government favors the residents. DiMetro and others feel that the college students are **See CITY, page 2**

MWC Grad Hopes To Be Construction A Grave Sight

By **BRIAN LEON**
Staff Writer

Mary Washington alumnus Aaron Altscher, 25, has been tapped to be a contestant on the sixth season of the NBC television game show "The Apprentice: Los Angeles." He will be competing against seventeen other contestants, while staying inside a Los Angeles Mansion, for a coveted management position advising the famous New York real estate magnate, Mr. Donald Trump. According to his official Web site biography, Altscher, who is from Fredericksburg, believes that he should be the next "Apprentice" because of a "passion for real estate along with his personal integrity, resilience and humility." Altscher was an accomplished student at Mary Washington College graduating with a 3.5 GPA and a BA in Business Administration; received NCAA baseball awards and graduated from Mary Washington's CGPS program with a Masters in Project Management.



Photo Courtesy of nbc.com

In his spare time he enjoys playing guitar, coaching baseball, riding his motorcycle and participating in triathlons. "Some students like to tell you their life history all the time or how much they know, what they've done and that kind of thing," said Alan Heffner, who taught Altscher at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies. "Aaron just was not like that. He focused on the course and the material and didn't have an ego problem." Even in his youth he possessed an insuppressible entrepreneurial spirit. Aaron's father mentioned that Aaron started a baseball clinic, which charged hourly rates to customers. "He had a strong following of parents who wanted him to teach their kids," the elder Altscher said. According to Altscher, his son raised \$4,500, which helped Aaron pay for his first car. In an interview done with *The Free-* **See APPRENTICE, page 8**

By **BRITTANY DEVRIES**
Assistant News Editor

Wreaths and lights adorned campus last December, an expected scene for the approaching holidays. Unexpected, however, was the University of Mary Washington's idea of decoration—primarily, the tomb-gray cement blocks, orange fences, and gaping holes spread throughout campus. Most prevalent is the barbed wire fence that now borders the construction site on Westmoreland Hall's front yard. The area is being prepared for two temporary modular units, much like the trailer currently housing Technological Services behind the residence hall. The Admissions and Financial Aid departments, as well as the University Bookstore, will be relocated into these modular trailers by spring. Junior Thomas Johnson expressed his dismay for the temporary units. "It is a little depressing that these trailers are surrounding one of the prettiest buildings at UMW," Johnson said. Through an approximately \$14 million grant from the state legislature, Lee Hall will go through **See CONSTRUCTION, page 2**



Christine Cwiala/Bullet

Workers have begun construction on modular units in front of Westmoreland Hall. The units will house the Bookstore and several offices. a proposed 18-month renovation beginning this summer. In preparation, the modular units will empty the building by March, temporarily relocating the Admissions processing staff, Bookstore, and Financial Aid offices currently housed there. The Bookstore will move inside the trailer visible from **See CONSTRUCTION, page 2**

5 Day Forecast

Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny
High: 43 Low: 20	High: 36 Low: 25	High: 55 Low: 33	High: 48 Low: 27	High: 43 Low: 28

Verbatim...

"I wrestled in a Star Trek costume. That happened one time. Just once."
—Phil Stamper, page 11

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WORLD

Jerusalem: Israeli President Moshe Katsav has been indicted on sex crimes charges, including rape and indecent acts against women. The investigation began after a former employee of Katsav's claimed she was forced to have sex. Katsav has denied any wrongdoing and his lawyer claims he is being blackmailed.

—cnn.com

Istanbul, Turkey: Memorial services were held Tuesday for Turkish journalist Hrant Dink, who was shot and killed Friday. Mourners lined the streets to pay respects to Dink, some also protesting against fascism and harsh Turkish laws that Dink had fought against in his life.

—cnn.com

Beirut, Lebanon: Protestors led by Hezbollah have attempted to overthrow U.S.-backed Prime Minister Fouad Siniora. Three people were killed and dozens more injured as Siniora refused to back down, but maintained that he was willing to have talks with the opposition.

—cnn.com

NATION

Washington, D.C.: Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton has joined in the race for the 2008 presidential election, joining Democratic competitors Senator Barack Obama and former Senator John Edwards. Analysts are already predicting one of the most interesting and competitive presidential races in years.

—nytimes.com

Washington, D.C.: The trial for Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Vice President Cheney's former chief of staff, has begun. Prosecutors have charged Libby with devising cover-ups and lies to conceal his and Cheney's attempts to discredit a powerful critic of the Iraq war policy. Libby has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

—washingtonpost.com

Gas prices around the country have gone down significantly, in some places dipping below \$2 per gallon. Some analysts cite the unusually warm winter that the country has seen, which has curbed the demand for heating oil, and others that Americans are finally looking into alternatives to our gas-guzzling SUVs.

—time.com

WEIRD

Palos Heights, Ill.: A woman who was nine months pregnant induced labor a day early so that her husband could attend the NFC Championship game. "How could he miss his one opportunity that he might never have again in his life," she said.

—AP

Allentown, Pa.: A woman woke up on a recent morning to discover 37 used Christmas trees surrounding her above-ground pool. She called the police, who arranged to have the trees removed free of charge. "That's someone who had time on their hands," the woman said.

—AP

York, Pa.: A man who proposed to his girlfriend at a New Years party allegedly knocked her out with a steering wheel lock hours later. The newly engaged couple were arguing on the drive home when he stopped the car and knocked her unconscious with the lock. She was treated and released from the hospital, and the man was charged with aggravated assault, simple assault and a D.U.I.

—AP



Police Beat

By STEPHANIE TAIT
Editor In Chief



Dec. 7—At 4:50 p.m., a 19-year-old female reported to police that someone stole her digital camera and \$50 from her room just before Thanksgiving Break. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Dec. 9—At 5 p.m., police received a report that an unknown person urinated on the third floor of Marshall Hall. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Dec. 11—A 21-year-old female reported to police that someone stole her ID card from a locker in Goolrick Hall. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Dec. 15—An 18-year-old female resident of Jefferson Hall crashed her bike into a railing along her walk on the front side of Pollard Hall. Accord-

ing to police, the student tried to turn her bicycle into the grass at the end of the walk and struck the railing, flipping her bicycle over the railing. The student struck her knee and the Fredericksburg Rescue Squad transported her to Mary Washington Hospital.

Dec. 15—At 7:43 a.m., police received a report that someone broke the window, valued at \$100, of the north stairwell of the parking garage.

Dec. 16—At 11:45 a.m., police received a report that someone bent back the screen to the window of the Giant Productions office. Police estimate damages at \$15. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Dec. 30—At 8 a.m., an officer on patrol discovered that someone had pushed down the fence to

the Sunken Lot. Police estimate damages at \$100.

Jan. 1—At 10 p.m., an officer patrolling the Battlegrounds found four hubcaps. University police contacted Fredericksburg police, who said the hubcaps were stolen Dec. 28 from someone who lives in Fredericksburg City.

Jan. 13—At 6:55 p.m., police discovered that someone stole five fire extinguishers, valued at \$200. There are no suspects or witnesses and the case is under investigation.

Jan. 15—At 1:20 a.m., police responded to a call of a severely intoxicated student in Jefferson Hall. Police arrived to find an 18-year-old female resident of Jefferson Hall intoxicated, drooling with severely slurred speech. The Fredericksburg Rescue Squad transported the student to Mary Washington Hospital.

Spring Semester Sees First Of Dramatic Renovations

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campus walk; Financial Aid and Admissions will move into the trailer on the north side of Westmoreland Hall.

Relocated already to both Trinkle Hall and Tyler House last fall, the move into the trailer will divide the Admissions department into three separate areas on campus.

Alison Gauch, assistant dean of admissions, expressed optimism towards the recent changes.

"Sure, we are losing Lee Hall [for two years], but the University has taken great strides to maintain its warm environment," Gauch said. "We are working around the lost flexibility of our own space."

Working around the lost space includes giving information sessions in a classroom—Trinkle 106—and keeping several back up plans, such as Dodd Auditorium, when space is tight.

"I keep my cell phone on me," Gauch said.

Space is a precious commodity for students, many of whom decided to enroll at UMW in part because of its attractive appearance and spacious, green environment.

Students like Matthew Guckenberger, a freshman, are concerned about the kind of campus image orange tape and bulldozers are making for prospective students.

"How does a torn up campus look to visiting high school students," he said. "Though remodeling Lee [Hall] is necessary, the construction is a major eyesore, and limits the already

limited green space we have here."

Due to the limited options available on campus, location was a key decision-making issue for Associate Vice President of Facilities John Wiltenmuth.

"This was determined the best compromise," Wiltenmuth said.

Renee Best, operations manager for the Bookstore, put this aesthetic frustration in perspective.

"You need to remember that there are a lot of native plants and trees on campus," Best said. "Not losing these was a big consideration [in the planning process] before work began."

Sophomore John McAvoy recognized this consideration.

"Having such an aesthetically pleasing campus, sacrifices have to be made for any sort of renovations [to occur]," he said.

Wiltenmuth explained that the lawn will be rebuilt when renovations are completed.

Students knew the lawn had been sacrificed when they left for break, but were surprised to return seeing a portion of campus walk had also been given up to barricades.

A broken water line in early January called for emergency repairs right as students were returning from break. Though warm weather made fixing the pipe leak a rather quick process (replacing the torn up bricks remains contingent on how well the weather continues to cooperate), the project's time frame is far larger than

a leaky pipe; the emergency repairs called attention to the on-going need to raise that portion of campus walk, thus preventing further damage. Proposed drainage work will take this project through the summer.

While the news of current or future developments around campus is not new to administrators and faculty, many students have no idea why work is even going on.

"I would like to be better informed," Guckenberger said. "If we are to be treated as adults among the faculty and staff, we should share the same level of information."

Parker Stinson, who had no idea why campus walk was torn up, had a similar opinion.

"[Though] it doesn't bother me, a

friendly e-mail would be nice."

Considering the other projects that have taken place in the past few years, like the parking garage, bell tower, and tennis center, some students are wondering how it is all being paid for.

Wiltenmuth explained how not all funding comes from the same source.

"The \$14 million for Lee [Hall] is made available through a combination of appropriated money [from the government] and authorized bonds," he said. "Other projects [like the bell tower and the tennis center] are private gifts."

Still, the auxiliary price tag for the parking garage is financed by UMW, through a series of spread-out installments ingrained into institutional revenues like student tuition.

Despite such costs, the University's status as a public institution means that developments, like the renovations for Lee Hall, can ensue without the grand tuition inflation that often occurs within private educational institutions.

Gauch explained how important this concept is to prospective students.

"We talk about the excitement of all these changes, changes like the ones going on with Lee Hall," she said. "Our accommodations [during these transitional phases] have even created a more personal basis for our constituents."

Plans for more developments are well underway, including the proposal for two new residence halls already under consideration by the General Assembly.

"We are losing Lee Hall [for two years], but the University has taken great strides to maintain its warm environment."

—Alison Gauch

City Inspectors Target Off-Campus Students

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being specifically targeted.

According to John Walsh, the City's Property Maintenance Code Administrator, they are.

"Are we looking specifically at the college community? Yes. Are we trying to run college students off? No. What we are attempting to do is protect college students from predatory landlords," Walsh said.

This is where last year's new Rental Housing Inspection Program comes in.

This is of importance to college students because every rental property in Fredericksburg is to be inspected every two years, unless the property passes inspection on a first try and is then granted a four year exemption.

Walsh mentioned the vulnerability of students who were on their own for the first time, and the opportunity landlords have to take advantage of this.

"We were beginning to see an alarming rise in the number and serious nature of complaints we were getting from the college community," he said.

Many students, however, feel that they are being handicapped, because many landlords in the area seem hesitant to take on college students.

"I really think they are scared," said junior Christopher Blitzer, in reference to dealing with landlords while trying to find an off campus house for next year. "So many places just seem off limits, when I think that housing should be available to the people

that want it. We should be treated with the same respect."

The students complain about the targeting, but so far have not been able to do anything effective about it. DiMetro and his housemates are not in violation of having more than three people in their house, and do not plan to try to complain. They have heard of failed complaints from other students.

"I know of somebody who did go to City Hall to address the targeting of college students, and they told him that unless he can prove it is because of discrimination of race or sexual preference, then there is nothing they can do," DiMetro said.

The City Council is in ongoing meetings to decide how to handle violators and the property that is in violation.

"I guess the short of it is that we are targeting the living conditions that some student renters find themselves in, and we are trying to do it in a more proactive type approach," Walsh said.

Meanwhile, many college students have been surprised to find notices in their rental homes recently.

"Every single rental home that has college students residing there on my street, including mine, has gotten a letter from the city saying how it is suspected that more than three residents live here, and that they'll be under investigation," DiMetro said.

City Council members said at a Sept. 25 work session that they suspect there are many more complaints of overcrowding that go unreported.

Stafford Campus Expands Twofold

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privacy to meet with our students."

Development of the campus may provide more than just convenience and comfort for those who work and study there.

"The school creates a very visible presence on Route 17," said Richard Hurley, vice president for administration and finance. Hurley hopes that this visibility will increase enrollment at the CGPS.

"It's all very exciting," Braymer said.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held Feb. 16 to celebrate the opening of this new addition to UMW.

This building is yet another step in the act of bridging the Stafford and

Fredericksburg campuses together, according to Braymer.

On Feb. 14, comedian Adam Ace will be performing in the new multi-use facility, in hopes to draw some of the Fredericksburg area students to the Stafford campus.

The building's funding allotted \$9.9 million to construction, \$1.8 million to furnishings, information technology, and audio and visual equipment, and \$2.9 million to design services, inspection testing services, utilities and contingency expenses, according to the press release.

UMW chose Richmond contractor KBS Construction and Moseley Architects, PC, of Virginia Beach to design the glass and brick addition.



Viewpoints

Save Framar

Residence Life is adopting a new system that places all special interest housing in jeopardy. Current living centers and prospective communities are now required to apply in order to gain the right to be a community, and furthermore they may only request a specific house.

The shocking aspect of this initiative is that it endangers Framar Hall, the International Living Center. Situated behind Jefferson and next to South Hall, Framar is home to a special interest housing program that seeks to promote diversity and cross cultural understanding.

Framar is a home, not a dorm, to 21 students, including a different exchange student every semester.

Unlike dormitories, Framar is a place of open doors and community. Each resident knows the name, nationality, religion and partial life story of every other member; it is a home of friends, not just students.

This friendship begins in September for new members of the home and yields a unique experience and wealth of knowledge about other cultures.

This experience is not limited to ethnic or religious minorities; in fact, everyone is encouraged to apply because of the learning aspect.

Furthermore, Framar serves as a meeting place for many groups. Currently the Islamic Student Association meets in the "family room" of the home. Last year Students Helping Honduras gathered in Framar.

The sense of community and home is essential to make students feel welcome. For example, during Ramadan the Muslim students rise well before the sun, tiptoe around to wake each



The Framar family of 2005-2006. The fate of this living community is in jeopardy.

other up and eat breakfast together.

Here students pray together, attend Mass together and share religious holidays with the whole house.

Framar hosts events such as "Bhangra Beat & Arab Heat," which showcased Indian dancers from the nationally ranked Uva di Shaan bhangra team and a local belly dancer. Around 200 Mary Washington students were exposed to Hindi, Middle Eastern, and Bollywood music that night as they danced away attempting to emulate recently learned moves.

Additionally, members of the home host programs to teach the community about a different culture. Other programs included: pumpkin

carving, Dia de los Muertos, Eid (Muslim holiday) Barbeque, Spanish dinner, international potluck dinner, learning Urdu, Italian movies, Hindi movies, Bhangra dance parties, Arabic coffee night, English high tea and international game night. These informal sessions are also open to the public and many non-residents often attend.

Ranked the school with the sixth most homogeneous population, Mary Washington constantly struggles with diversity. Although the school seeks to recruit a diverse student body, tasks such as setting up a diversity committee in student government are much more difficult than they should be.

In his inauguration speech President Frawley named diversity as one of the University's issues he intends to address. Hence, promoting diversity and making the small amount of minorities we have feel welcome should be a number one priority for the school.

When prospective students tour the campus their guide should be able to point to Framar and say, "this is the International Living Center which is a community and home that will be here when you're a student."

Yet, unfortunately that sense of permanence is gone. The international community now must prove, in the form of an application, that it is important to Mary Washington, and that diversity is important enough to warrant a living center.

However, diversity and an open minded environment are too scarce on the Mary Washington campus to be risked by placing the international living center in jeopardy.

Diversity and cultural education need a permanent home on campus and that home should remain Framar.

The University of Mary Washington administration needs to send a message loud and clear that it intends to foster the international community not place it in peril.

It should not be a yearly decision whether or not this school intends to support the minorities on this campus.

If you would like to get involved or learn more you have several options: join the Facebook group "Save Framar," write a follow-up letter to the editor, sign a petition that will be circulating campus and come visit Framar to understand the existing and important international community.

Protest The Iraq War

By PHIL ARNONE
Guest Columnist

President Bush's latest plan for escalating our involvement in the war in Iraq will, like all of his previous plans in the country thus far, be met with resounding failure.

"Stay the course" has not worked, and there is no reason to expect the troop increase, which is reminiscent of the Vietnam War, to bring Iraq much peace, stability or security.

These three conditions have consistently eluded the American occupation, not because of any failures of tactics or military strategy, but because you cannot expect a violent military occupation to create a stable, peaceful, democratic society.

The success of the occupations of Germany and Japan after World War II was because of the specific political climate at the end of the war, one in which it was clear that militaristic adventurism is the product of an undemocratic society,

and that Germans and Japanese could only be saved from possible return to the devastating conditions of the immediate post-war period through peaceful engagement with other nations and through peaceful engagement with each other within a more or less democratic process.

With the context of these successful regime changes, we can see why the Bush administration's efforts in Iraq have failed so miserably.

Before the invasion the conditions in Iraq did not lend themselves well to regime change, making the project's success unlikely from the outset. The different groups that make up Iraqi society had been divided against each other for the exploitation and profit of a dictator and his cronies.

But after the invasion, the already deeply divided society has exploded.

The initial stages of the Bush project exacerbated differences between groups as Bush played favorites with the Shiites, replaced the Sunni actors of Saddam's dictatorship with Shiite ones and did nothing to alter the structure of the relationship between these communities.

Moreover, the conditions of life of most Iraqis is now significantly worse than it was before the invasion; human rights violations are even more egregious and widespread, and there is no political group with the interests of all Iraqis at heart

present in any significant way within the Iraqi political process.

Because of these conditions within the Iraqi context, we can see why regime change through military occupation is doomed to fail.

The last way to convince Sunnis to open up to Shiites or to the political process is to promise to kill them if they resist.

The last way to reconcile Sunni and Shiite communities, divided as they have been by Saddam and the Baathists, is to give Shiites complete run of security services, where they can hide while taking violent revenge for decades of violence directed at them.

Revenge is not a good starting point for reconciliation, "an eye for an eye only leaves the whole world blind," after all.

This Saturday in D.C. there will be a large march against the war and the Bush administration's plans for deepening our already pointless

involvement in the internal squabbles that he has already made so much worse.

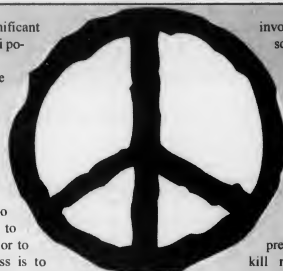
After four years of time, thousands upon thousands of Iraqi and American lives and billions of dollars, I believe Bush has sufficiently demonstrated his inability to deal with the gravity of this situation.

Expanding our military presence to better enable us to kill more people from Iraq's deeply divided communities will foster more thoughts and acts of revenge, while few of understanding or reconciliation.

All groups within Iraqi society have suffered grievously, and more killing won't help them suffer any less.

This Saturday, come join thousands of our fellow humans to show Bush and those with power that we do not support sending more Americans to die so Bush won't have to admit he was wrong.

Phil Arnone is a junior.



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No Seriously... Who is doing this to me?

By Will Brewster and Austin Cobb



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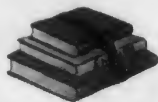
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UMW Students Help Hondurans

By **ANDREA CHRISTIE**
Contributing Writer

From the second we stepped out of the airport in Honduras, reality set in. As we loaded the truck with our luggage (two 50 pound suitcases times 25 people plus carry-ons – we attracted a lot of attention besides the fact that we were a large group of “gringos”), a young boy came up to us begging for money.

Unable to understand Spanish, I immediately regretted not studying more common phrases before I left. What was I thinking? I had had four months to learn some Spanish and I couldn't even remember how to say “What is your name?”

As the boy stood in front of me with his empty hand, I knew this was going to be an even more eye-opening life experience than I had imagined because nothing really prepares you for being surrounded by poverty for a week and not being able to communicate with the people.

I left my house that January morning at 4:30 a.m. to make my 7:10 a.m. flight to Honduras and my first real trip outside of the country, as part of the Fredericksburg's Campus Christian Community's annual mission trip. We were to visit and help out at orphanages and villages in the small Central American town of El Progreso in conjunction with senior Shin Fujiyama and his

the sound of beeping cars and were awake at 5 a.m. by the sound of roosters crowing.

The Children

Stepping off the bus at Las Flores orphanage on our first full day, I was immediately bombarded with warm smiles and open arms of kids wanting hugs. It took 15 minutes for the children to calm down enough so the director of the orphanage could welcome and thank us for coming.

Goodbyes took even longer. Hugging everyone and loading on to our bus, the people surrounded us, reaching into the windows to give one last goodbye grasp. Children ran along side the bus waving as we drove away.

First Person

During our trip, we visited four orphanages. Each had a different program, but essentially the same purpose – to get kids off the streets of Honduras and away from the corruption, abuse and drug addictions that the children often faced.

As directors of the orphanages told us, the children's parents often cannot afford to take care of them and the country's government does little to help. One parent visited with her children and with tears running down her face, she told us that “the Hondurans do not take care of my children. It is you Americans who take care of them.”

At an all-girls orphanage, the girls took us in and showed us part of the Latin American culture—dancing. While we may dance in the United States, it's not a part of our culture like it is in theirs.

Born with no rhythm and two left feet, I tried to learn how to shake my hips and butt like them, but I came nowhere close. Making me look more like Frankenstein with my stiff hips, I was shown up by the 12-year-old who shook it even better than Shakira.

Continuously throughout our trip, we visited the children at Coppromme. Each night, a group of us spent the night at the orphanage with them. With some of the children still visiting with relatives for the holidays, we slept in extra beds in the rooms with the older girls.

Our night of hanging out with the children ended with five of us piling into three beds pushed together. Sharing one sheet with my roommate next to me and forgetting my sweatshirt, I was freezing when early morning came. We were awoken by the younger kids jumping in bed with us at 6 a.m. and our sleeperover at the orphanage was complete.



Courtesy Cam-Van Nguyen

Senior Andrea Christie works on a puzzle with two orphans at Coppromme orphanage.

sister Cosmo, a senior at the College of William & Mary.

Founding Students Helping Honduras, the brother and sister team, have been organizing relief projects in El Progreso for over a year. Their biggest project was the Walk-A-Thon for Coppromme orphanage last spring, in which they raised over \$150,000.

A New Country

Once there with our luggage packed into the truck and ourselves into the bus, in which we spent much of our time traveling for the next week packed like sweaty sardines, we headed out into the country.

Everywhere we turned, mountains and scenery were within eyesight. As one of the Rotarians (10 local Rotarians joined our group in Honduras two days after we arrived) said, “people in the U.S. pay thousands of dollars to see these sights and Hondurans have it as their back-view.”

This breathtaking view, however, is quickly followed by signs of poverty. Locked fences surrounded everything, as well as barbed wire. There were bars on windows, trash thrown anywhere and guards with guns at stores, in the streets, and even at the Popeye's across from where we stayed.

The town of El Progreso poses a juxtaposition of the rural land with chickens, horses and goats roaming free and the downtown city, where shops, homes and even fast food restaurant line the streets of constantly beeping cars.

While staying in the downtown part of El Progreso at a retreat center run by nuns, we went to bed to



Courtesy Cam-Van Nguyen

Christie's group helps a family rebuild their home after it was destroyed by Hurricane Mitch.

Building Homes, Building a Community

Our third day began with our biggest project for the week—working in a mountain village called Siete de Abril (April 7). Displaced after Hurricane Mitch in 1999, the villagers moved up into the mountains, where they built temporary homes. Because they do not own the land, they could be forced to leave at any time.

Many of the homes, housing more than five people, weren't much bigger than the smallest dorm room, with only one or two mattresses, dirt floors and no electricity. With holes in their roofs or no roofs at all, everything in their home gets wet when it rained.

Many of the 250 children in the village ran around barefoot, eager to meet us. As my roommate and I played with some of the children, one of the girls could not get over my whiteness. As we introduced ourselves, she kept pointing to me and saying “Gringa! Gringa!” I replied with “Yes, I am a gringa, but my name is Andrea.” Her response: “Gringa Andrea!”

We began building and as we did the men of the village worked hand in hand. While we had tools and gloves, the villagers worked barehanded. Many worked in construction and built their homes; they knew even more than us.

As we took down the plastic tarp that formed the walls of a

home, one of the villagers casually said, “Oh there's a scorpion,” picked up a nearby machete and started jabbing at the wall where he had seen the scorpion.

After having just heard a story on our bus ride about how a member on our trip almost died from a scorpion bite as a child, this was not so comforting, especially when the villagers were so casual about it all.

The family whose home we were working on consisted of a husband and wife (Carlos and Carmen) with three kids of



Courtesy Andrea Christie

Above, senior Shin Fujiyama listens to the children as they thanked the volunteer groups for visiting.

their own and four others, which they took in when their parents were unable to care for them.

As we finished the roof on Carlos and Carmen's new home early on our second day, Carlos had to finish the walls on his own, so we could help another family.

With much work ahead of him, Carlos and his brother-in-law said they would help us for part of the day. They ended up helping us for the entire day. The town's people were so gracious, hard-working and completely willing to help others and although they didn't have much, they are so willing to give what they did have.

As various groups continued to work in the village over four days, at our nightly meetings each person had new stories to tell about their adventures for the day. One of the most memorable stories being when a man said, “I will think of you every time it rains.”



Courtesy Andrea Christie

The children at Siete de Abril posing with the gloves the volunteers wore to help rebuild their homes.

Thumbs Up...Thumbs Down...



To being icy.



To Roman helmets.



To Shoes4Africa collecting over 100 pairs of shoes.



To waiting for machines at the gym.

University Curriculum Will Undergo Revisions

By LAUREN JERGENSEN
Staff Writer

Five UMW faculty members met last week to discuss the possibility of a new curriculum with revisions to the credit value of courses and to general education requirements.

Professors Ernie Ackermann, Grant Woodwell, David Long, Margaret Huber and Cheryl Hawkinson-Melkun are members of a subcommittee that is currently weighing in on the pros and cons of reforming UMW's curriculum and degree requirements.

This committee is one of five separate study groups within the General Education Review, a committee comprised of administrators and of faculty representatives from each academic department, that has spent the last four months studying alternative curriculum models and their potential for success within the University.

The committee is looking into a variety of possible curriculum changes, including those that have been introduced at other colleges and universities, to ensure that they see the full range of options they have for change, according to UMW President Dr. William T. Frawley.

"Activities such as these are important for



tion," Frawley said.

Whether or not a change to the curriculum is necessary has become a crucial question for committee members.

"Does this improve the instructional program? If there are costs involved, is it worth them?" asked Dr. Ackermann of the computer science department during his subcommittee's meeting last Friday.

Changes under consideration include moving to a system where the typical class is worth only one credit, as opposed to the three credits that are currently in effect, with students allocated a maximum of four classes per semester. Only 32 credits would then be required for a student to graduate. One other option is to make each class worth a standard four credits.

But not all classes are created equal. If UMW decides to move to a system where 1 class equals one credit, there would still be variations based on each individual course's workload, according to Dr. John T. Morello, associate vice president of academic affairs and a member of the General Education Review committee. Classes that require less work may only be rewarded with a half credit or a quarter credit, while more intensive classes, such as those that involve labs, could be considered a double credit.

The committee is also investigating the need to adjust the general education and across-the-curriculum requirements. "I think we are agreed that we're going to get rid of the Race and Gender, Global Awareness and Environmental Awareness requirements," said Huber, chair of the department of sociology and anthropology. "So many of us are teaching those things in our classes already, and it's impossible to escape them."

UMW's future so that we have a curriculum that not only is up to date with that of our competitors, but also works in concert with other aspects of the UMW experience as we continue to provide a unique personal education.

Huber also said that moving to a system where students take a maximum of only four classes a semester would lighten not only the student workload, but also the workload of the professors who would then be teaching fewer classes.

"I think it's possible that we could do away with 8 o'clocks," she said.

Honor Council President Stephen R. Gregg said that although he still does not yet know all the particulars of the considerations being made by the committee, he also thinks a course load where students take only four classes a semester would be an improvement.

"By taking less courses, presumably a student would have more time to focus on each, which could result in less stress and better grades," he said. "I would also expect a reduction in honor offenses that deal with cheating since many students would not have to deal with the pressures that comes with juggling five or more courses, and their incentive to cheat might dwindle as their available time to study increases."

Students who wish to take more than four classes a semester would still be able to do so, said Huber, given that their GPA is high and they are capable of handling the workload.

If the committee agrees that changes should be made, they will draft a formal proposal for eventual consideration by other faculty, staff and students.

But current students may not even be affected if and when a proposal is drawn.

"If all the stars aligned, the soonest anything could happen is the 2008-2009 school year," Morello said. "But that's not a prediction, that's just the earliest possibility. An awful lot of magical convergences would have to happen before then."

This is not the first time UMW has discussed the idea of curriculum changes, according to Morello. As recently as 2002 an ad hoc committee looked into the possible conversion to four-credit courses, eventually deciding against it.

Woodwell, chair of the department of environmental science and geology, said at the Friday subcommittee meeting that the ad hoc

committee had determined that other schools who moved to the four-credit system lost a number of students during their transitional phases, forcing a drop in retention rates.

In addition to concerns regarding the university's retention rates and the number of con-

tact hours per class, some worry that changes to the curriculum could make transferring in and out of the university more complicated.

"It sounds to me that it would actually be harder if we were to change to four credits, it would cause difficulty," said Jason Roth, a senior computer science major and transfer student. "But even now the system is difficult. I lost 13 credits coming here."

According to Morello, UMW will have to think very carefully about how they accept transfer credits if the curriculum is changed.

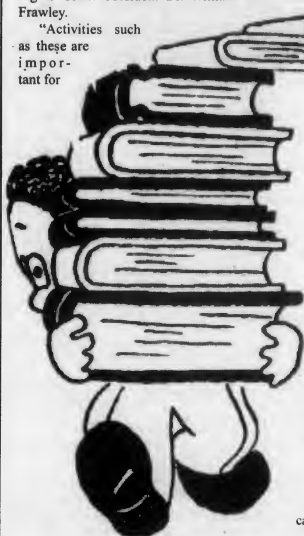
"Normally we operate on the general rule of thumb that classes at another university don't have to be 100 percent similar to classes here," said Morello. "We will have to decide to be either more generous than we are now, or more restrictive."

At this time, the General Education Review committee features one representative from each academic department, one representative from the BLS program, one representative from the BPS program, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Rosemary Barra, and Morello.

Several members of the committee, including Morello and Huber, have said that it is important for students to understand that they are only exploring the possibility of curriculum changes, not guaranteeing changes.

"It's still very nebulous," Huber said.

Students who are interested in learning more about the committee and its progress can access the committee's official web page at:
<http://jtmorello.org/gened/>
com



You're Killin' Me

A New Column for the Misanthropes of UMW

By TIERNEY MCAFFEE
Assistant Features Editor

Hey Virginia, Learn How to Drive!

As I was driving home from D.C. last Sunday, my boyfriend, a North Carolinian whose vocabulary, much to my dismay, includes the word "ya'll," exclaimed, "It's snowing!" I immediately corrected him and clarified that it was merely "slightly flurrying." Hailing from Pennsylvania, (no pun intended) I have endured actual blizzards and snowfalls of, believe it or not, more than two inches! This mini-snowfall was nothing to me.

Apparently this was not the case for the drivers of Virginia. Now, I am already acquainted with Southerners and their juvenile panic/excitement over a few inches of snow. I have come to accept their use of sand in lieu of salt, thinking of it as a kind of beach interlude in the midst of winter. But Sunday I encountered a new and unparalleled Virginians-meet-snow phenomenon: the overwhelming inability to drive when white stuff falls from the sky. I watched in horror as, in the course of less than 10 miles, I passed SEVEN car accidents.

It was unbelievable. Virginian drivers all over I-95 were dropping like flies. Honestly, I am not a monster. I'm actually quite a compassionate person.

But after the seventh car on the side of the road with a person standing idly by scratching their head, the only thing left for me to think was, "Wow, Virginia, you're killin' me."



Hard Times Café Giving Students a Hard Time

By STEFANIE SKY
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Poker, karaoke, pool and alcohol; what more could you ask for when you're with your closest friends on a ladies night out? The new Hard Times Café located in a shopping center on the corner of Route 1 and Lafayette Boulevard is where we set our sights for a good time.

It wasn't easy to start the night off though. As you walk in the door to Hard Times, they card you and give you a wrist band just like any other bar would do at the door. But then, when we sat at a table and ordered drinks from the cocktail waitress, we had to dig through our purses and pull out our IDs again.

After we had all had two rounds of drinks, my roommate Lindsey who turned 21 in August of 2006, was told by the waitress that the manager wanted to see her ID. "I know I look like I'm 12," she said jokingly. "But are you serious?" Unfortunately she was.

I looked over my shoulder at the bar where the manager and two other female employees were hunched over the ID inspecting it's every inch hoping to find some evidence that the license was fake. After a good five minutes they gave up and finally returned the ID.

It gave us all a good laugh but we were glad to get back to the fun. Despite the fact that it was ladies night, six girls sitting around a table can only last for so long before guys start making their moves and move they did. Three gentlemen in particular came around and starting offering to buy drinks and start conversation.

It was all good fun but our conversations tended to leave the guys in the dust as we talked about the latest gossip at work and school, who had what to eat that day, all the while breaking into song with the karaoke singers who were singing songs we knew.

The service was great, our drinks were never empty before the waitress came around again asking if we needed more and there was a decent size crowd filling the whole bar area with little room to walk and leaving only five of the numerous pool tables empty.

Despite the numerous ID checks along the way, Hard Times Café, karaoke and all, left us very happy for our first ladies night out of the semester; now we'll just have to see which bar we end up at next week.



Entertainment

Campus Bands Welcome Students Back

By SARA BAHRAINI
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The thin turnout did not stop any bands from giving energetic and highly entertaining performances at KC's Music Alley on Jan. 18. The concert, which featured two University of Mary Washington-based bands, featured Shane Cooley and the Aviators, Junk Science and Hundred Hand Slap, was well worth anyone's three dollars.

Shane Cooley and the Aviators played first.

The band hails from the College of William & Mary and consists of vocalist/guitarist/harmonica player Shane Cooley, drummer Christian Amonson and bass guitarist Will Murphy, all of whom like to don aviator glasses on stage, hence their name.

Drawing a sparse crowd in which half the people in the audience were members of other bands playing that

night, it would seem that The Aviators could easily get discouraged from continuing, but they still put in a good effort. Their sound is very all-American modern rock; the Goo Goo Dolls meets Matchbox 20, with a little Blues Traveler thrown in. While some songs were a little drawn out and dry, there is no doubt that these guys can play their instruments, and the impressive guitar solos were really what brought their songs to life.

Next up was the ever popular UMW band Junk Science, featuring violinist/guitarist/vocalist Ed Dickerson, harmonica player/guitarist/vocalist Matt Bradshaw, bassist Ephraim Firdiyewek, drummer Ben Marks, and alto saxophonist Jeremy Cooper.

A quirky mix of rock, funk, jazz and blues, the band got its name from when Marks distributed pamphlets for an environmentalist group discussing the casual use of "junk science," or scientific statements with little factual basis.

"We just like the name 'Junk Science.' It sounds cool," Bradshaw said.

As usual, their performance was creative, lively and fun, ripe with improvisational sessions between instruments and vocal audience participation. But this time, Junk Science had a few new tricks up their sleeve. While it has almost become tradition for the band to cover a song by Cake at every performance, they instead covered the Pink Floyd hit "Another Brick in the Wall" with a reggae twist of their own.

"Matt's gotten fat. We can't have Cake anymore," Dickerson said.

Their unique Pink Floyd cover featured a long and intricate violin solo by Dickerson, which incorporated a mélange of both eastern and western influences. The incredibly talented violinist and UMW alum was a former member of the UMW Community Symphony Orchestra. He fits in well with the rest of Junk Science's highly adept members; both Bradshaw and Cooper are members of the UMW Jazz Band.

The quintet is returning to the studio on Feb. 5, hoping to have an EP out by March. The title, however, is yet to be known, as the band has not yet decided on one. Junk Science has recently appointed UMW junior Stan Kennedy as its manager and hopes to go on tour once all of the band members graduate from UMW.

Hundred Hand Slap performed the last set and ended the show with a bang. Bass player Justin Christian describes their music as a blend of rock, funk and rap, citing influences such as 311 and Rage Against the Machine. Their performance did not fail his description. Filled with energy and

funky electric guitar riffs very reminiscent of Tom Morello's in his Rage Against the Machine days, Hundred Hand Slap rocked the mostly-male audience. While few bands have the courage to cover Rage's music, the band did a fairly solid cover of the song "Killing in the Name Of."

"We all love Rage...and if there's something we have an abundance of, it's balls," Christian said.

The band formed last summer. Rapper Kevin,

a student at William and Mary, and drummer Ryan Lacey are brothers. They found bassist Justin Christian on Facebook and formed the band with fellow UMW student Brian Wilson on guitar. The name Hundred Hand Slap dates back to one of the group's very first practice sessions, when Ryan had a very fast drum solo and his rapid hand motions resembled those of E Honda's signature

attack in the video game Street Fighter.

Even though their set began at almost midnight, they still put on a lively and interactive show, bringing a member of the audience on stage to play cowbell during their song, "Jesse's Dead." Kevin's rapping became a little choppy and hard to hear at times, but he delivered with style.

Check the bands out on
MySpace:

myspace.com/hundredhandslapped

myspace.com/junkscienceband

myspace.com/shanecooley



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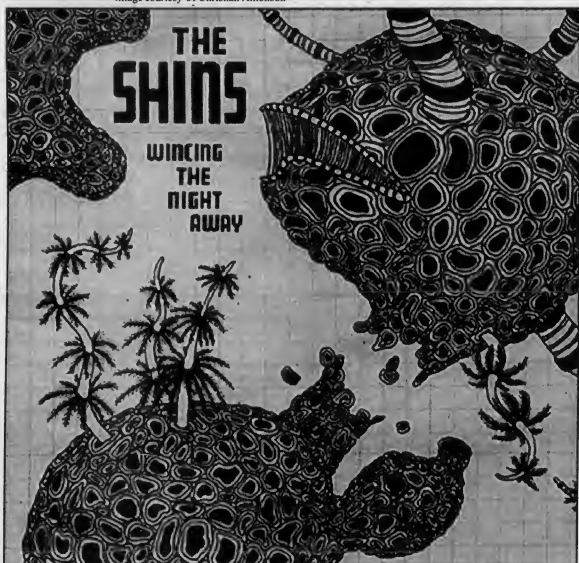


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No Need to "Wince" at Shins' Latest Album

By JOEY MERKEL
Staff Writer

Indie-rock sensation The Shins are back in 2007 with their third album, "Wincing the Night Away." After the very successful "Chutes Too Narrow," the band has returned after a three-year hiatus with a much anticipated album.

One wouldn't think that starting an album with a song called "Sleeping Lessons" would be the best way to grab the listener's attention. However, the song picks up speed and flows easily into the second track.

"Phantom Limb," the album's first single, is in the perfect part of the record at track four. It's the song that should be saved for last, but

needs to be heard. (Check out the music video for "Phantom Limb" at myspace.com/theshins).

"Wincing the Night" turns at the fifth track when it starts to give a leisurely vibe. Songs like "Red Rabbits" and "Split Needles" are relaxing in an awe-inspiring way. If weariness begins to settle in, "Girl Sailor" picks up just enough to carry on to the conclusion. By the time "A Comet Appears" brings the album to a close, it's time to listen again.

Wait until a Sunday to listen to "Wincing the Night Away" for the first time. This is the ultimate lazy Sunday album. Slap on some headphones, put an away message up, lie in bed and just enjoy the music.



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Mos Def Unable to Conjure "True Magic"

By JOEY MERKEL
Staff Writer

The release of Mos Def's newest album has been surrounded by controversy. The Brooklyn rapper's third solo project, "Tru3 Magic," is possibly one of the most contentious albums of 2006-07. Between releases, re-releases and recalls, "Tru3 Magic" could possibly have three different editions of the album before the year's end.

Already in conflict with his record label, Mos Def was said to have rushed into this album. When asked about whether the album was actually released a label representative said "it did and it didn't."

The album was officially released Dec. 29, 2006. However, after it began to leak on the Internet in early December, the label decided to push up the album's release date. Having decided that such a short deadline would not provide the album with enough publicity, Mos Def's label soon issued a recall.

Problems soon followed; the packaged album was already given to distributors and had been received by retailers. If a store has already received an album, it is up to that store to decide whether

or not to sell the recalled record.

It didn't take long to realize that "Tru3 Magic" was not going to measure up to Def's 1999 release "Black on Both Sides," a pinnacle in hip-hop history. However, Def does go back to his hip-hop roots in "Tru3 Magic," after 2004's "The New Danger" was strongly rock influenced.

It's undeniable that some of Mos Def's tracks are rushed, with hooks that are uninspired and incomplete beats that just don't capture the listener. The best part of this album is definitely the lyrics, though they don't get as much attention because of the disappointing beats. "Dollar Day (Surprise, Surprise)" is by far the best song on the album, it sends an important message on top of a sick hip-hop beat that is a force to be reckoned with.

Centered around the lack of help that New Orleans received post-Hurricane Katrina, Def's lyrics try to explain how the almost non-existent government aid that intended to build the levees stronger led to an inevitable conclusion.

All in all "Tru3 Magic" is inconsistent and disappointing. However, rumor has it Def plans to re-mix the album and re-release it for the third time at some point this year.

News

Fight For Local Battlefield Wages On

By ELIZABETH CONWAY
Staff Writer

During the weekend of Oct. 27 two historic preservation majors participated in a Civil War reenactment to raise money for a local battlefield, and they are not stopping there.

For three days, Oct. 27 through Oct. 29, University of Mary Washington students Bill Backus and Drew Gruber followed history as closely as possible, reenacting roles in the 1862 confederate infantry.

"The thought of raising money for endangered battlefields and spending a weekend with friends and meeting new ones appealed to me," Backus, a freshman, said.

Gruber and Backus both raised a required \$100 entrance fee, which went toward the Civil War Preservation Trust and the Central Virginia Battlefield Trust, two large non-profit organizations who have the right to the Pierson Farm property.

The reenactment march was arranged by Robert Hodge, who has organized a number of such events.

"Altogether, Hodge is predicting the participants of the event to raise \$8,500, which was slated to be matched by Central Virginia Battlefields Trust with a three-to-one ratio," Gruber said. "When this is filed at the close of the fiscal year the total would be \$25,500."

Gruber, vice president of the New Jersey Civil

War History Association and a UMW historic preservation club member, relied on the generosity of others to raise his entrance fee.

"I collected my \$100 from folks around campus, just describing what was going on and asking for spare change, and a dollar here or there," Gruber, a junior, said. "Professor John Pearce offered \$20."

Douglas Sanford, historic preservation club chair, said that preserving battlefields through reenactment fundraisers is very common.

"Much of the Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg fundraising reenactments are ways to save these battlefields, and are very often successful," Sanford said.

Associate professor Gregory Stanton com-

mented on the farm's historical significance.

"After the Civil War, Fredericksburg expanded to cover the previous 'killing fields' and is now in domestic use," Stanton said. "Because Pierson's Farm was south of town, it remained in agriculture, which meant that it didn't compromise the historical integrity of the site."

Because of its huge developing potential, after Mr. Pierson passed away his relatives decided to protect the farm by selling it to the two aforementioned trusts.

"The main point is that this is where the students are participating in an effort to hold on to it," Stanton said. "I think that they'll be successful."

Students Paid to Strip For Alternative Yearbook

By RACHEL NANIA
Staff Writer

This past fall, a Facebook group entitled "The Erotic Yearbook," surfaced, and talk of a nudist yearbook began to spread across campus. The group, started by senior Daniel Ceo, was soon reported to Facebook and removed for inappropriate content.

Ceo, who is in charge of the project, and Mary Waldron, who is responsible for communications and public relations for "The Erotic Yearbook," believe that the title of the project may be misleading.

"First of all, it is a working title," said Waldron.

"It was meant to spark people's interests," added Ceo, a business major. "It's just such a good word. Erotic is such a good word."

Although the theme of the yearbook is a "sexy" yearbook, according to Ceo and Waldron, those who participate in the yearbook are not required to show any skin. In fact, they are encouraging people to sign up for group photo shoots with roommates, friends, and sports teams.

"The idea is that naked is not a requirement," Ceo said. "People don't know me as a photographer, they know me as the 'Sexclimations' guy. It's about art and taking pictures and stuff. It's not like I am looking for nakedness."

However, if students are comfortable taking their clothes off, Waldron and Ceo will not stop them. In fact, in order to encourage more participants, they are paying \$10 each to guys who go topless, \$30 each to girls who go topless, and \$50 to guys and girls who pose naked.

According to Waldron, any nude photography is not going to be done in a tasteless way, but rather in a natural and artistic way.

"Our photographers are professional...we are not going to make anyone feel uncomfortable," Waldron said.

Ceo agreed.

"No matter what you choose to do, we are going to make you look good, and we are going to do a professional job," he said. "We are going to take a lot of different pictures and a lot of different poses—and you are going to like the way you look. Who doesn't want a good picture?"

Along with the quality of the photography, the comfort level of each participant is very important to Ceo and his photographers. He recommends having a friend or two in the room to help the participant relax.

Ceo and his photographers, a group comprised of male and female students, will also try to talk to the participant for awhile, to make him or her feel more at ease.

The participant has the option to look at all of his or her photographs and choose which one, if any, he or she wants to submit to the yearbook.

"Everybody who participates in the project is going to have a say on how the project ends up," Waldron said. "This way, it's really going to be a much better reflection of who these people are that go to this school."

Each yearbook will cost \$100, or

\$65 for pre-orders. It is still undecided when and where the yearbooks will be sold, mainly because they may not be able to be sold on campus. For now, the project is being funded out of Ceo's pocket, but he is hoping that pre-orders will kick in soon so that he can cover all the printing costs and model's costs.

According to Waldron and Ceo, the idea behind the yearbook is to create an alternative to that which the University officially recognizes, and to make up for what the school's official yearbook lacks.

"They use your pictures from your ID cards, and all of the senior pictures are of people hugging a tree. [The yearbook] just gives no sense of what people are like at Mary Washington and what kinds of activities people participate in. It gives us no sense of the personality of the school and what Mary Wash-

ington is really about," Waldron said. "So what this yearbook will allow people to do is really get a sense of what individual students are like at this school."

Ceo agrees that the University has recently changed for the best and needs to showcase that.

"We are not just this vanilla-white campus anymore. We are more of a college campus now—we are really headed in the right direction," said Ceo, referring to the new change in administration.

"I have seen Frawley walking down campus walk, and I have seen him in the Nest. We are moving in the right direction. Some people are ready for that and some people aren't."

Along with the name, the design of the yearbook is still up in the air. Ceo and Waldron are contemplating asking writers to submit articles to complement pictures, or for participants to submit clips about themselves and their role in the Mary Washington community.

However, Mary Washington is not the first to bear some photographic nudity. According to recent articles in *The Washington Post* and *The Boston Globe*, both Harvard University and Boston University have nudist yearbooks, entitled "H-Bomb" and "Boink," respectively.

Harvard's magazine, which is meant to be as literary and artistic, is funded by the school and distributed to students' mailboxes. In contrast, Boston University's magazine, "Boink," is not funded by or officially recognized by the university, and discusses sex under nude photographs.

"Clearly [sex magazines] are not damaging their reputations," said

Waldron in reference to Harvard and Boston University's magazines.

Junior Rachel Rozencranz who attended Boston University her freshman year of college, is familiar with "Boink."

"I think it might be a bit different if our school had [a sex magazine]," Rozencranz said. "Our school is so much smaller [than Boston University] and I think that students would be able to pick out the people who pose in the magazine and talk about them. The two schools have very different atmospheres; Boston is very open on all matters."

Ceo, who has discussed the project with Dean Cedric Rucker, is well aware that the University is not endorsing or officially recognizing the project.

"The only opposition I got from the administration was association," Ceo said. "They made it clear that we are not being funded. It's not that they disapprove, it's just that they are not supporting it."

Because Ceo is waiting on one more piece of photography equipment, the photo shoots have not officially started.

However, according to Ceo, some people have already volunteered to participate, including The Grave Robbing Extravaganza, a local band comprised of UMW students who recently won the Battle of the Bands contest, but will not be posing naked.

A UMW sports team that wishes to remain anonymous until after they take their photos has also volunteered to participate.

Although "The Erotic Yearbook" is Daniel Ceo's project, it is also a licensed business. Depending on how much revenue is brought in, each of the photographers will be paid a certain amount, as well as Ceo and Waldron. Ceo considers this project the start of his career.

"I am hoping to make a little money and pay off my student loans—It's like a graduation present for me," Ceo said.

However, if more money is made than expected, Ceo and Waldron are considering making a donation to a local charity.

Some students seem skeptical toward the project even taking place and being successful, especially since the cost of the yearbook is priced so high.

"It's never going to happen," said junior Kit French. "Our school is all talk."

Others are less thrilled.

"I don't really care either way about the yearbook," said senior Caroline Reardon. "If people want to pose for it, good for them, but I have no interest in buying a copy."

Senior Connor Maloney expressed an interest in the yearbook, but doesn't plan to buy one.

"It's too expensive; I'm not going to buy one, but I will certainly look at one," Maloney said.

However, Waldron and Ceo are confident that the project will be successful and well worth their time.

"This is something we want the students to get involved in...We want this to be a project that the UMW community can be proud of," Waldron said.



Courtesy of Tempa Klinegors
Freshman Mary Beth Holbrook struggles under the weight of several student-made signs that were carried during the march commemorating MLK Day.

Alumnus Stars In NBC Reality Hit

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Lance Star in December, Ryan Napolitano, a friend of Aaron's from the baseball team, described his knack for throwing house parties and his burgeoning business acumen.

"We had it down to a science," he said. "They handed out invitations and wrote up guest lists to limit the size of the crowds. You name it, we had figured out how to pull it off without getting in trouble—most of the time."

Before The Donald tapped Altscher for the show, he was employed by Del Webb, a national developer specializing in active-adult communities, as a community sales manager and maintains several personal property investments.

Thus far in the program, little drama has crossed Aaron's path.

The only exception occurred during a challenge when he expressed displeasure with the team's proposed design for a pair of pink male swim shorts that left little to the imagination.



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He was ignored and the progressive swim trunks which were promptly ridiculed by The Donald, sealed the second defeat for the team.
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Viewpoints

Sexclamations

Where Do Gender Roles Come From?

By Elz England and Daniel Ceo,
Staff Writers



Point: Dan

One of the major elements of my path to enlightenment is the concept of balance.

I believe in a balance of power, a balance of nature, a balance between war and peace and a balance between man and woman. While there are many opposing forces all around us, they are also complimentary, and one cannot exist without the other.

For this reason, I also believe in gender roles. We were all put on this earth to serve a purpose and to assume a certain role in our society.

Whether your purpose is to become a doctor, a politician, a lawyer or a construction worker, ultimately, there are two main roles that each one of us must choose whether or not to accept: mother and father.

I'm not going to tell you that women belong in the kitchen or that men belong in the military, but I do believe that women were biologically designed to be nurturers and that men were biologically designed to assist and protect these nurturers.

We live in an age where gender roles are becoming more and more unclear, and the line between man and woman is becoming skewed.

While I do believe in the pursuit of gender equality, I also believe that this concept can be taken too far.

With modern day pregnancy technology, women are close to being able to have children without men at all, and we males are very close to becoming obsolete.

At the same time, more and more women are entering the workplace and leaving their children to care for themselves, or in the care of others, which can be detrimental to their development.

I do believe that fathers can and should care for their children, but you simply can not replace a child's mother, it's unnatural.

So as gender roles begin to fade away, so does clarity of purpose. If we were not put on this earth to propagate our species and pass our genes and our knowledge to the next generation, why are we here? With ambiguity comes disorder, and with imbalance comes chaos.

Counterpoint: Elz

Although Dan does not advocate a "women-should-be-barefoot-in-the-kitchen" point of view, I still believe that the advocacy of gender roles impedes the progression of the human race.

Ambiguity may begin to exist as the lines between man and women become "skewed," but this is a positive development.

The difficulty in distinguishing what is masculine and feminine does not produce chaos, instead it distinguishes the barriers that once fenced women into the home.

One can liken Dan's reaction to the public response once women started wearing pants, shorts, and even cutting their hair "boyishly."

I do not believe that gender roles exist naturally; instead they are constructed and indoctrinated.

Furthermore, a role is something which is assigned to a person and is not necessarily inevitable.

Society assigns a certain role to teachers, but a person is cognizant of such a role before he or she decides to become a teacher.

Gender roles are trickier, because there is less choice involved.

But, ultimately—and thankfully—the traditional roles are becoming optional.

Perhaps it is human history that leads us to think that gender roles are natural.

Hurricanes, rain and tornadoes are natural and we can do nothing to stop them.

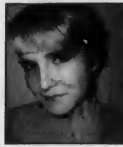
If gender roles were biologically programmed into us then they would be completely inescapable, yet women have left the kitchen to chair corporate board meetings.

Parenting is important for a child's development. A mother is necessary in order to give life to a child.

But, it is a hard case to sell that children raised in dual income homes who are looked after by a babysitter have severely damaged childhoods.

Finally, I apologize to Dan and to all men who are becoming obsolete.

Perhaps if these men were not staunch supporters of gender roles then they could find fulfillment at home and in the kitchen with the children.



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Tiers To You, Kid!

By Tierney Plumb, Associate Editor

After browsing a chronological array of photos from our college career, my girl friends and I have come to a conclusion: boy, were we ugly Bettys.

I admittedly entered college with a half-mullet and bouts of acne (features out of my hands).

But what was on top of our heads—and pervasive in one too many photographs—was the “wet curl” (n: the shower, scrunch-and-go ‘do).

While community bathrooms and teeny mirrors weren't conducive to hair management, you'd think we would compensate by filling Virginia Hall's huge closets with decent threads.

I cringe at photos from the first weekend of college: me wearing an Old Navy tank, purchased circa my sophomore year of high school. Also packed in my suitcase that year was a scrunchie or two and an Abercrombie jean jacket Casey and I both owned and wore out one night (thankfully we were bright enough to forgo the full-out Canadian tuxedo).

But there's hope: subliminally included in your college education is makeup application

101 and less attention to labels and more to individual style.

Prior to this revelation, I bought a fake Lacoste hat on e-Bay, which turned out to be an Ashton trucker hat with a stick-on alligator. Thinking it would still be cool to wear out was the Mr. Blackwell voice of my freshman year conscience talking.

Guys called me “Elmer Fudd” and when I got the pretentious, “Ooh love your hat,” from a girl, I knew she was whispering, “That is the ugliest hat I've ever seen,” as I walked away.

Finally, “less is more” should never apply to clothing. I succumbed to the freshman trend one night and rolled my skirt to a near-diaper look.

My roommate Liz's long torso was hardly an excuse for her phase of wearing a crop top out every weekend. Then again, themed parties that year, such as Golf Pros/Tennis Hos didn't exactly encourage knee-length attire.

But soon you realize what not to wear, the mullet grows out, you choose the right foundation shade and voilà: you and your friends are beautiful swans.



Top, Tiers and friends don duds during their freshman year in Virginia Hall. Bottom, the group, now seniors and looking much better, celebrated the holidays together this past winter break.

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The swim team celebrates after winning their final home meet.

Courtesy Lauren Boston

Senior Swimmers Win Final Home Meet

By MONICA OWENS
Staff Writer

For seven UMW seniors, this weekend's swim meet against the Gettysburg College Bullets was more than just another win—it was their final chance to compete in the pool that brought them together.

The stands of Goolright Natatorium were crowded with alumni, parents, friends and family, ready to support the team and honor its seniors.

Freshman Michelle Sawyer was pleased to see the enthusiasm with which supporters came out.

"A lot of the swimmer's parents came in from out of town to see their last home meet, and I know the seniors had many loved ones there too to support them," she said. "There was a lot of energy and cheering going on."

Head coach Matt Kinney was especially proud of how hard the team worked to make their last home meet count.

"The men and women's team both won pretty handily," he said. "They really stepped up and had the best meet thus far."

With CAC Championships fast approaching, the Eagles are happy to leave home on a

positive note.

With senior swimmers on the top of their game, the Eagles swept Gettysburg with an overall women's score of 151-109 and a men's finish of 157-103.

Senior Trisha Dilger's win in the 200 breaststroke (NCAA provisional time 2:27.25) put her in the Division 3 B-Cut, giving her a chance to make it to nationals.

Dilger also boasted a win in the 200 yard medley relay (1:51.24). Her relay partners include sophomore Mallory Cruise, senior Amy Carlson, and junior Kristen LaCoe.

"I am really excited about the relay win, I think we can go really far, even to nationals," Dilger said.

The Eagles women captured several more wins, led by senior Maureen Greenlee, who took home a win in the 50 Freestyle (24.64), Carlson with a win in the 100 backstroke (1:01.52) and freshman Laura Graesser with an impressive finish in the 400 IM (4:46.27).

The men's team fought hard to the finish for their wins, with senior Dale Parker competing in two relays as well as the 50 (21.88), and 100 yard freestyle (49.44).

According to Parker, the real challenge

was not winning because of the occasion, but beating his finish times from the previous year.

"The men's team won against Gettysburg last year by just one point and that motivated us to perform well and race not only Gettysburg but ourselves," he said. "It really has not hit me nor the senior men that we are about to be done, we are focused to swim well helping the team out."

Other wins for the men's team included freshman Justin Anderson in the 1,000 freestyle (10:32.17), sophomore Cameron Rice with a win in the 200 freestyle (1:51.22) and senior Luke Moss, who took home a win in the 100 backstroke (55.76), the 200 backstroke (1:59.16), and the 400 IM (4:20.97).

The men also boasted two relay wins, with Moss, Parker, freshman Jason McCormack, and sophomore Cameron Rice winning the 200 yard medley (1:39.69) and Parker, Rice, Anderson, and junior Kennard Smith winning the 200 yard freestyle (1:29.25).

Saturday may have been UMW's final home meet of the year, but the season is far

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from over as conference and national meets loom in the near future.

Kinney is confident that his team will perform well and gain some great experience from these meets.

"If we swim like we did this weekend, we will do great against George Mason," he said. "It is not important whether we win, but what is important is the experience the practice that will get us ready for Conference."

Parker also feels that the Eagles have what it takes to beat future rivals.

"We enjoy swimming Division One swimmers. The competition is strong and we are actually capable of winning some events."

The Eagles compete against George Mason University on Friday

Nation Gears Up For This Year's Super Bowl

Jonathan Wigginton

ready one for the history books.

Never before in the history of the NFL has an African-American head coach taken his team this far, and in this match-up, both teams have that distinction.

The Chicago Bears and the Indianapolis Colts will travel to sunny Miami as participants in Super Bowl XLI on Feb. 4.

Bears coach Lovie Smith, representing the NFC, pulled off a nail biter against the Seattle Seahawks in the divisional round. They then

went on to win handily this past Sunday against New Orleans Saints, the Cinderella team.

On the other hand, with starting quarterback Peyton Manning struggling—throwing six interceptions so far in the playoffs alone, the Colts' route to the Super Bowl probably was not what they planned.

After a decisive victory against the Kansas City Chiefs, the Colts won 15-6 in a game of field goals against the resurgent Baltimore Ravens.

Their most impressive win, against the New England Patriots dynasty, came in one of the most entertaining games in a long time. Down 21-6 at halftime, Coach Tony Dungy must have said something in the locker-room because the Colts turned the game around and won a thrilling game, 38-34.

The Chicago Bears, known for the stifling defense, came into the season with hopes of just making the playoffs.

Their past decade of football has only three winning seasons. With a few great games by young quarterback Rex Grossman, and a relatively mediocre NFC, the Bears ended the regular season with a 13-3 record and a first-round bye in the playoffs.

The last time the Bears were in contention for the illustrious Super Bowl title was when they won it in 1986. Chicago Bears fans have been through some grueling years, and finally can bask in the glory of a NFC title.

Finally the Bears made it to the big game the only way they know how: Defense—forcing four take-a-ways in the NFC title game.

On the other side of the coin, Colts quarter-

back Peyton Manning finally got the monkey off his back.

Since entering the NFL nine years ago, Manning has yet to make a Super Bowl appearance. Heralded as one of the top, if not the top quarterback in the league, many doubted that he had what it took to get to the big game.

After losing their perennial 1,000 yard running back, Edgerrin James to free agency, many people doubted if the Colts could ever succeed.

Rest assured, people can stop doubting because Peyton and his Colts did it. They faced a tougher road to the Super Bowl, surviving two intense match-ups against the Ravens and Patriots.

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